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Letter dated 4 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter dated 3 October 2001 from the President of the Republic of Cuba, Mr. Fidel Castro Ruz, informing you of the decision by the Government of Cuba to accede to the 12 international legal instruments relating to the prevention and punishment of international terrorism (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 166, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bruno Rodríguez **Parrilla**
Ambassador
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Allow me to express Cuba's support for your statements in defence of the principles of international law and the role to be played by the United Nations in the critical world situation following the attacks against New York and Washington, D.C., on 11 September 2001.

I wish to inform you that in response to your appeal to the members of the international community in your statements to the General Assembly on 26 September and 1 October, the Government of the Republic of Cuba has decided to accede, as you have requested, to the 12 existing international instruments related to terrorism, three of which Cuba has already approved and ratified.

In order to expedite the corresponding procedures, tomorrow, Thursday, 4 October, the Government will request the National Assembly of People's Power, which has been convened for a special session to pay homage to the victims of terrorism in our country, to endorse our accession to the nine instruments that are in the process of approval and ratification. Homage is being paid on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the terrorist act that blew up a Cubana aircraft in flight off Barbados, taking the lives of 73 passengers on board.

Likewise, our country will continue its efforts towards the conclusion of a general and comprehensive agreement against terrorism that would truly define such an obnoxious practice and allow the international community to tackle it in an efficient, urgent and steadfast way, with the full support of world public opinion and without unnecessary, useless and dangerous wars that provoke greater violence and hatred among peoples.

(*Signed*) Fidel **Castro Ruz**